

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-22 and 24-29 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has allowed claims 1-9, 11-20 and 25-29. The Examiner has rejected claims 21, 22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by either U.S. Patent No. 5,389,098 to Tsuruta et al. or U.S. Patent No. 6,032,849 to Mastri et al.

Applicants have canceled claims 21, 22 and 24 by this Amendment, without prejudice. Cancellation of claims 21, 22 and 24 has overcome any rejection thereof. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited

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